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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the accompanying continuation application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, between lines 7 and 8, insert the following:

--Cross-Reference to Related Application

This is a continuation of patent application serial no. 08/908,265, filed August 7, 1997, which is a continuation of application serial no. 08/406,677, filed March 20, 1995, now patent no. 5,657,332, which is a division of application serial no. 07/886,030, filed May 20, 1992, now abandoned.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel the original claims 1-34, without prejudice, and substitute the following new claims therefore:

--35.   A method of improving data retention within a non-volatile writeable memory, the method comprising the steps of:

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